

COMING SECOND BASEMAN IN BIG LEAGUES



Infielder Vitt of Detroit Tigers.

It is generally conceded by baseball experts that Vitt, who has done such excellent work for Hugh Jennings' Tigers, is one of the coming second basemen of the major leagues. Before Vitt was taken ill recently he had shown plenty of life and always played with lots of snap and vim.

OUR INTEREST IN BASEBALL

There is Nothing Like It, Even Politics in National Campaign Forced to Take Back Seat.

Probably there is not another example on earth to compare with the nation-wide interest of the people of the United States in the daily record of baseball teams. Entirely apart from the feverish anxiety of the pool-playing part of the population, there is in every town from Maine to Oregon—and maybe to the extreme tip of the Aleutian Islands—from the lakes to the gulf a great body of people—men and women—thoroughly familiar with the general trend of the sport, intelligently appreciative of its subtleties, and fairly familiar with the small army of men who play the games. There is nothing else like it, says the Lowell Courier-Observer. It has the stock market lashed to the post. Politics even in a national campaign would be hushed to windward. A war would hardly command the same unwavering interest for six months. It is the national obsession, knowing neither latitude nor longitude throughout 8,000,000 square miles of plain and mountain, highland and lowland, prairie, pasture and plantation. The night reports of the great press associations carry the news of it as soberly as if it were international politics, and with the best of reasons; for it is the most universally absorbing, the most widely and appreciatively read of all the news that is nightly ticked off to a waiting country. When one considers the enormous extent of the United States, this universality of interest in a mere sport, played by salaried experts, is amazing. What is there to compare to it? Nothing.

HURLER SHOULD WORK OFTEN

Manager Doan Thinks Pitcher Should Be Kept in Game as Long as He Retains Effectiveness.

"Early in the season," says Manager Charlie Doan of the Philadelphia National league team, "Seaton and Alexander worked in a great many games, and won them, too, keeping us away ahead in the race. Then the cry was raised that these two pitchers were being overworked and were entitled to a rest. The two slabs never



Pitcher Alexander.

complained—in fact, they liked to work often—but rather than be considered a slave-driver I rested them. What was the result? The other pitchers failed to deliver, while Alexander and Seaton, instead of being benighted by the layoff, were rusty and couldn't show nearly their original effectiveness. I'm now convinced that pitchers should work early and often if they are to keep their effectiveness. No more pampering and nursing for my wizards, believe me."

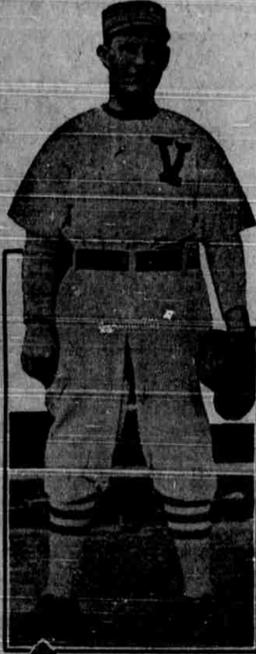
Journey to South Seas.
A South Sea baseball tour which will include three months in Australia is being planned by Michael Fisher, a Seattle baseball magnate. Australians have been compelled to do without baseball since A. G. Spalding made his world tour many years ago. Fisher contemplates establishing league baseball in Australia if the sport is popular.

No Clinches in Baseball.
While there are no clinches in baseball, one who has watched the Mack and McGraw men perform against rival teams is inclined to wonder whether Mathewson and Marquard can stop Bender and Plank.

ODD INCIDENT OF BASEBALL

Shortstop McBride of Washington Team Relates Funny Play That Happened in St. Louis Game.

"The funniest incident I remember in baseball occurred in a game played in Washington shortly after the fire on our grounds, which was in 1911."



"Hap" Hogan.

says George McBride, the Washington shortstop. "When the new park was laid out they switched the diamond, and now I think Washington has one of the worst sun fields in the league. The incident I have in mind took place in this sun field. The roof of the stand had not been started, which made things worse."

"We were playing St. Louis, and 'Hap' Hogan was in left. It was a close game, and Schaefer, who came to bat with three on bases, made a hair line to left field and 'Hap' lost the ball in the sun. The ball struck him squarely on the head when it came down, and we scored three runs. Hogan was stunned for a minute and the way Schaefer carried on made it all the funnier."

"The next day the St. Louis outfielders practiced before the game, wearing catchers' masks on top of their heads and also regaled in chest protectors."

Plight of a Pitcher.
Connie Mack, who takes great pride in developing young pitchers and then prophesying how they will show up in action, sent in one of his finds in an exhibition game not long ago. The slaughter of the young slab artist was pitiful to behold. At the end of the second inning Connie was somewhat peeved.

"What's the matter with you, son?" he asked the terrified youngster as kindly as he could—which was not remarkably kindly. "I don't seem to be able to get the ball over 'the plate,'" said the pitcher sadly. "You're mighty right, you can't get it over the plate, observed Mack, his peeved condition much aggravated. "And I'll tell you why. Every time you start it over they knock it back at you."—Popular Magazine.

Lean Baseball Year.
Baseball, like any other business, has its good and bad periods. This season the cry is nation-wide that the hard times caused the public to seek cheaper shows for recreation instead of paying the prices demanded for baseball. The minor circuits are not the only ones to suffer, for many of the major league teams will be lucky to pay expenses. New York, because of the traveling transients, will have a big year. In Chicago, Boston and several other good baseball cities, the attendance will fall far below former years.

FEW QUEER DECISIONS

American Association Umpires Make Some Odd Rulings.

Why a Player Shouldn't Slide into First Base—Charlie Irwin Tells Good Story on "Germany" Schaefer of Senators.

Whatever the merits of the respective controversies, two of President Chivington's umpires in the American association have succeeded in creating talk over what were heralded as "freak decisions."

Umpire O'Brien called "Dixie" Walker out in a recent game at St. Paul when he slid to first base and was quoted as saying he would give a similar decision on any player employing those tactics. Umpire Johnstone was credited with putting Player Boose out of the game for looking behind him and trying to get the catcher's signals.

President Chivington says that the report from Umpire O'Brien says the play on Walker was not even close and that no other decision would have been possible. While President Tom does not go to the extent of saying a player would be called out if he actually was safe in sliding to first, he sides with his umpire in the controversy on the ground that a player slides to first only to confuse the arbiter and really loses time thereby, as he has to slow up to make the slide.

In regard to Johnstone's case, the league head says that in the absence of definite information his opinion would be that the player was put out of the game for turning back and talking to the umpire instead of trying to get signals.

While discussing the O'Brien decision in league headquarters, President Chivington and Umpire Charlie Irwin got to talking about old-time umpires and their verdicts, and how the decisions which once "went" would not do for modern baseball. One instance was cited in which Manager Joe Cantillon of Minneapolis, once an umpire, figured.

As the story was told, "Germany" Schaefer, now comedian of the Washington American leaguers, was protesting pretty hard for a youngster on nearly a very strike called. With the call two and two, one which seemed to cut the corner of the plate was thrown and Schaefer was called out by Cantillon.

"What you trying to do, run me out of the league just because I'm a young fellow trying to break in and earn my living?" howled "Germany."

"Did you think that was a bad one, blandly inquired Cantillon.

"Couldn't reach it if I had been an acrobat," stormed Schaefer. "All right, we'll give you another one," said "Pongo" Joe. Thereupon Cantillon motioned to "Dummy" Taylor, who was pitching, to throw another ball.

Taylor came rushing in from the slab, gesticulating wildly and wanting to know what it was all about. Cantillon smiled at Taylor and by signs the situation was explained to the mute. Grudgingly he threw another ball which cut the heart of the plate. Schaefer, thoroughly enraged, swung at it with all his might and missed it by six inches.

"Now, go over to the bench and sit down. If you do least talking and more hitting, you won't be so likely to get run out of the league," was Cantillon's parting shot at Schaefer.

After that incident, Schaefer was a great admirer of Umpire Cantillon. Imagine an umpire in these days giving Ty Cobb or Joe Jackson another chance to hit because they protested when they were called out on strikes. Possibly the police would be able to save the arbiter from the mob.

NOTES of the DIAMOND

Two souls with a single thought—McGraw and Mack.

Catcher Rarden of the Boston Braves isn't throwing with his usual speed.

McGraw is trying to land Bobby Byrne, the crack third sacker of the Pirates.

Battle Creek now has a complete Indian battery, with Watkins pitching and Nevitt catching.

Infielder O'Leary of the Cardinals seems to be fully as good as when he played with the Detroit.

Eddie Plank says that Tris Speaker is the hardest batsman in the league for him to pitch to.

A New York baseball writer claims that Umpires Orth and Klem are the class of the National league.

Helme Groh is having a lot of chances in the Reds' infield, and is accepting them in first-class style.

Johnny Bates is now the best pinch hitter in either league. The Cincinnati outfielder made good on eight out of nine chances.

Larry McLean is doing regular service for the Giants, and it appears as if he would give Chief Meyers a run for the backstopping job.

Social Forms and Entertainments



Musical Song Contest.
There have been so many requests for another musical pastime that I am hoping this will fill the apparently great need.

Have some one behind a screen play a few bars of each song on the piano or sing it and let the guests write down the melodies which they recognize. I think some of you who have more time than I have at present might weave these titles into a little story or romance. I have given mostly the well-known songs, as every one is not "up" on the songs of the day so-called "popular" and which prophesy will not linger with us as these have done.

These airs may be found in bound collection of old songs and your music dealer will supply those you do not have. The list will help you in making up the contest, which may be added to or curtailed at the pleasure of the hostess. Vocal selections: Afterwards, All's Right, American's Farewell, Annie Laurie, Beautiful Moonlight, Ben Bolt, Columbia, My Country; De Countown Cakewalk, Dream Faces, Flee as a Bird, Grandma's Shamrocks, Green Palms, Guard the Flag, Hall Columbia, Home, Sweet Home; in Glory He Ascented, In the Gleaming, Juanita, Kathleen Mavourneen, Keep for Me a Trusting Heart, Last Night, Lead, Kindly Light; Listen to the Mocking Bird, Love's Golden Dream, Lullaby ("Ernie"), My Old Kentucky Home, Non E Ver, or 'Tis Not True; Nearer, My God, to Thee; Only One in the World for Me, Over the Moonlit Sea, Rooked in the Cradle of the Deep, Sing, Sweet Bird; Stay Home Tonight With the Old Folks, Sweet Chimes of Long Ago, Take Back the Heart, The Dear Little Shamrock, The Garden of Sleep, The Golden Harvester, The Lost Chord, The Star-Spangled Banner, The Sweetest Girl of All, Then You'll Remember Me, Until Then, Venetian Boat Song, What Are the Wild Waves Saying? When Life is Brightest, When the Angels Have Lifted the Veil, When the Swallows Homeward Fly.

House Warming Shower.
A charming girl who was married away from home was honored when she returned by this unusual and very acceptable shower.

The couple went right into the cottage which the bridegroom had built, and about two dozen of their best friends went there one evening soon after their arrival (having announced their coming by telephone) each one carrying a parcel marked "for the new house." All the packages were placed in a clothes basket, and what overflowed were tied to the handles; some of the boys (I should say, men) carried brooms, feather dusters, a wash board was fastened about one chap's neck bearing a placard saying "Cleanliness is Next to Godliness." He produced soap from his pockets and carried a large scrubbing brush and a package of washing powder. The gardener of the crowd had a

New "City" Contest.
Here is a good test for your thinkers. All the questions are to be answered by words having the ending "city." They are all good, everyday words and you will enjoy guessing them. Have the questions plainly written, or, better still, typewritten on cards to which attach pencils. Allow ten minutes in which to guess them. This contest is not long enough to be tiresome.

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THREE HANDSOME DRESSES



THE costume on the left is in tan colored sponge cloth. The high-waisted skirt is slightly full at the top, and has a white and tan striped cotton front, a particularly effective trimming.

The bodice has a vest and collar in white, the lower part of the vest being embroidered with red and purple. A narrow band embroidered in the same color finishes the neck.

Materials required: 4 yards 42 inches wide, 1/2 yd white 20 inches wide, 1 1/2 yard stripe about 8 inches wide.

The second is in cream lawn embroidered at foot; it is finely tucked at waist, and gathered in center front under a band of insertion.

The bodice is of plain lawn finely tucked, the bolero of plain embroidery edged with ball fringe; the cuffs and collar are of blue lawn, trimmed with buttons covered with the same; a strap of insertion is carried round the upper part of arm, it is threaded with blue ribbon tied in a bow; the waistband is of wider blue ribbon.

Materials required: 2 yards wide embroidered flouncing, 1 1/2 yard insertion, 1 1/2 yard piece embroidery 36 inches wide, 2 yards ball fringe, 1 yard plain cream lawn, 1/2 yard blue lawn 40 inches wide, 1 yard narrow insertion, 1 1/2 yard narrow ribbon, 1/2 yard ribbon.

On the right the model is in old rose Flaxella; the style is quite simple. The side seams of skirt are stitched in the ordinary way, the wrap-over in front is prettily cut, a cord ornament and button being sewn in each point. Three buttons trim each sleeve. Collar of white embroidered lawn.

Hat of black Tagel, trimmed with a blue feather mount.

Materials required: 4 yards 40 inches wide, 3 buttons, 2 cord ornaments.

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